

1 3. (Unchanged) The method of claim 1, wherein said step of
2 launching said intended recipient application comprises the steps
3 of:

4 determining said intended recipient application based on
5 a signal type and a signal port;

4. (Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said step of launching said call director unit to set up said demon conference component includes [further comprising] the steps of:

4 loading a call processing module into said memory; and
5 initializing said call processing module to process
6 calls using said network interface.

1 5. (Unchanged) The method of claim 4, wherein said step of
2 loading said call processing module into said memory comprises the
3 steps of:

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4      loading a call directing component;  
5      loading a first conference component;  
6      loading a first transport component; and  
7      loading a first network component.
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1 6. (Unchanged) The method of claim 5, wherein said step of
2 initializing said call processing module comprises the steps of:

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3           initializing said first network component to operate  
4 with said network interface;
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5 initializing said call directing component to monitor
6 for said incoming call signal;

7 initializing said first transport component to receive
8 said incoming call signal; and

9 initializing said first conference component to transfer
10 said incoming call signal.

1 7. (Unchanged) The method of claim 1, further comprising the
2 steps of:

3 receiving an initialization message from said intended
4 recipient application; and

5 removing said intended recipient application from an
6 internal list if said initialization message does not correspond
7 to an expected message.

11 8. (Twice Amended) In a computer system having a memory, a
12 processor, and a network interface, an apparatus comprising:

3 a call directing module;

4 a process manager/coupled to said call directing module;
5 and,

6 a conferencing component coupled to said network
7 interface and said call directing module;

8 where said conferencing component is configured by said
9 call directory module to notify [containing a circuit for
10 notifying] said call directing module upon receipt of an incoming
11 call and causing said call director to signal said process manager

12 to activate a conferencing application based on a listen string
13 and an application signature.

1 9. (Twice Amended) An apparatus comprising:

2 a processor;

3 a memory coupled to said processor;

4 a network interface coupled to said processor;

5 *B* said memory configured to cause said processor to:

6 receiving an incoming call signal on said network
7 interface;

8 processing said incoming call signal to detect an
9 intended recipient application using a listen string, said
10 listen string containing an application signature; and

11 launching a conferencing application using said
12 application signature [if said intended recipient application
13 is said conferencing application].

Please add the following claims:

1 --10. (New) In a computer system having a memory, a processor,
2 and a network interface, an apparatus comprising:

3 means for launching a call director unit to set up a
4 demon conference component in said memory;

5 means for receiving an incoming call signal on said
6 network interface;

7 means for processing said incoming call signal in said
8 demon conference component to detect an intended recipient
9 application using a listen string, said listen string containing
10 an application signature; and
11 means for launching said intended recipient application
12 using said application signature.

1 11. (New) The apparatus of claim 10, wherein said means for
2 processing said incoming call signal comprises:

3 means for parsing said incoming call signal to determine
4 a signal type and a signal port; and
5 means for determining said intended recipient
6 application based on said signal type and said signal port.

1 12. (New) The apparatus of claim 10, wherein said means for
2 launching said intended recipient application comprises:

3 means for determining said intended recipient
4 application based on a signal type and a signal port;
5 means for locating said intended recipient application
6 using said application signature; and
7 means for signaling a process manager to launch said
8 intended recipient application.

1 13. (New) The apparatus of claim 10, further comprising:

2 means for loading a call processing module into said
3 memory; and

4 means for initializing said call processing module to
5 process calls using said network interface.

1 14. (New) The apparatus of claim 13, wherein said means for
2 loading said call processing module into said memory comprises:
3 means for loading a call directing component;
4 means for loading a first conference component;
5 means for loading a first transport component; and
6 means for loading a first network component.

1 15. (New) The apparatus of claim 14, wherein said means for
2 initializing said call processing module comprises:
3 means for initializing said first network component to
4 operate with said network interface;
5 means for initializing said call directing component to
6 monitor for said incoming call signal;
7 means for initializing said first transport component to
8 receive said incoming call signal; and
9 means for initializing said first conference component
10 to transfer said incoming call signal.

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16. (New) The method of claim 10, further comprising:
2 means for receiving an initialization message from said
3 intended recipient application; and
4 means for removing said intended recipient application
5 from an internal list if said initialization message does not
6 correspond to an expected message.*

1 17. (New) An article comprising a computer readable medium
2 having instructions stored thereon, which when executed, causes:
3 launching a call director unit to set up a demon
4 conference component in a memory;
5 receiving an incoming call signal on a network
6 interface;
7 processing said incoming call signal in said demon
8 conference component to detect an intended recipient application
9 using a listen string, said listen string containing an
10 application signature; and
11 launching said intended recipient application using said
12 application signature.

1 18. (New) The article of claim 17, wherein the computer
2 readable medium further having instructions stored thereon, which
3 when executed, causes:
4 parsing said incoming call signal to determine a signal
5 type and a signal port; and
6 determining said intended recipient application based on
7 said signal type and said signal port.

1 19. (New) The article of claim 17, wherein the computer
2 readable medium further having instructions stored thereon, which
3 when executed, causes:
4 determining said intended recipient application based on
5 a signal type and a signal port;

6 locating said intended recipient application using said
7 application signature; and

8 signaling a process manager to launch said intended
9 recipient application.

1 20. (New) The article of claim 17, wherein the computer
2 readable medium further having instructions stored thereon, which
3 when executed, causes:

4 loading a call processing module into said memory; and
5 initializing said call processing module to process
6 calls using said network interface.

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1 21. (New) The article of claim 20, wherein the computer
2 readable medium further having instructions stored thereon, which
3 when executed, causes:

4 loading a call directing component;
5 loading a first conference component;
6 loading a first transport component; and
7 loading a first network component.

1 22. (New) The article of claim 21, wherein the computer
2 readable medium further having instructions stored thereon, which
3 when executed, causes:

4 initializing said first network component to operate
5 with said network interface;
6 initializing said call directing component to monitor
7 for said incoming call signal;